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OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

State of North-Carolina:

HELD IN

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH,

*On Thursday, May 6th; Friday, May 7th; Saturday, May 8th;
and Monday, May 10th;*

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LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. J. S. RAVENSCROFT, D. D. ex officio President of the Convention.

Rev. JNO AVERY, *St. Paul's Church, Edenton.*

ADAM EMPIE, *St. James' Church, Wilmington.*

WM. M. GREEN, *St. John's Church, Williamsborough.*

WM. HOOPER, *St. John's Church, Fayetteville.*

R. S. MASON, *Christ's Church, Newbern.*

R. J. MILLER, *St. Michael's Church, Iredell county.*

LAITY.

Hon. J. L. Taylor,
Col. Jno. S. Ellis,
Geo. W. Freeman,
Dr. A. S. H. Burgess, } *Christ's Church, Raleigh.*

Thomas B. Lippitt, *St. John's Church, Fayetteville.*

Julius H. Walker,
James S. Green,
Haynes Waddell, } *St. James Church, Wilmington.*

John Little, *St. Paul's Church, Edenton.*

Col. Wm. Hunt,
John Taylor,
Thomas H. Kean, } *St. John's Church, Williamsborough.*

Walker Anderson, *St. Mary's Chapel, Orange co.*

Tippoo L. Henderson,
Samuel S. Garthwait, } *St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.*

Col. Jno. R. Clarke, *St. Paul's Chapel, Milton.*

Abner P. Neale, *St. Peter's Church, Washington.*

Dr. Luico Mitchell, *St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.*

Jno. Anderson,
James H. Otey, } *Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.*

Clergy of other diocesses, who attended this Convention.

Rev. ROBERT DAVIS, from Pennsylvania.

ROBERT B. CROES, from New-Jersey.

The Rev. THOS. WRIGHT, a member of the Convention, was not present during this session.

JOURNAL, &C.

WILLIAMSBOROUGH, THURSDAY, MAY 6th, 1824.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention, divine service was performed by the Rev. ADAM EMPIE, and a sermon delivered by the bishop, from Amos, chap. 7. v. 8. After this, the house proceeded to organize itself; the Rt. Rev. J. S. RAVENSCROFT, D. D. being in the chair, and the Rev. R. S. MASON, acting as Secretary *pro tempore*.

The list of the clergy being called over, the following were found to be present :

Rev. JNO. AVERY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.	
ADAM EMPIE,	St. James' Church, Wilmington.
WM. M. GREEN,	St. John's Church, Williamsboro'.
WM. HOOPER,	St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
R. S. MASON,	Christ's Church, Newbern.
R. J. MILLER,	St. Michael's Church, Iredell co.

The certificates of lay delegation were then presented ; and being read and approved of, the following persons took their seats :

Julius H. Walker,	}	St. James' Church, Wilmington.
James S. Green,		
Thos. B. Lippitt,		St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
Jno. S. Ellis,	}	Christ's Church, Raleigh.
Hon. J. L. Taylor,		
Geo. W. Freeman,		
Dr. A. S. H. Burgess,		
Walker Anderson,		St. Mary's Chapel, Orange co.
Col. Wm. Hunt,	}	St. John's Church, Williamsborough.
John Taylor,		
John Anderson,	}	Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
James H. Otey,		

The Rev. R. S. MASON was then elected Secretary of the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, that such candidates for orders in this Church, and such clergymen of this Church from other dioceses, as may be present during the sitting of this Convention, be admitted to honorary seats. On which resolution, the Rev. Mr. CROES from New Jersey, and the Rev. Mr. DAVIS from Pennsylvania, took their seats as honorary members.

The Episcopal Journal was then read by the bishop; after which the house adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock on the following morning.

BISHOP'S JOURNAL.

On Thursday evening, April the 24th 1823, I received by the hands of the Rev. Mr. GREEN, at my residence in Virginia, a letter from the Rev. Mr. EMPIE, President of the standing committee, announcing my unanimous election, by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in North-Carolina, as the bishop of that diocese.

To this unexpected, and unsought for call to so very responsible an office, I could oppose nothing, but the deep sense of the insufficiency of my qualifications. But as this was overbalanced by so evident an interposition of the providence of the great Head of the Church, I felt it to be my duty, all things considered, to surrender myself to his disposal, thus declared; and the next day, the 25th, addressed my reply to the Rev. Mr. EMPIE, respecting the call—a copy of which is herewith presented.*

Being furnished with the required testimonials from the diocese, I proceeded to the General Convention of the Church to meet in Philadelphia on the 20th of May; and the further testimonials, required by the third canon, being signed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies—the House of Bishops were pleased to accept of me, and to appoint Thursday the 22nd for my consecration; which accordingly took place on that day, in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, as will more fully appear by the certificate of consecration, signed by the Bishops present and officiating, and which is herewith offered for the inspection of this Convention.†

Being thus invested with the Episcopal character, and charge over this diocese, the members of which, with the exception of not more than a dozen, were personally strangers to me, I returned to Virginia, to prepare for removing to Raleigh, the place designated for my residence; and in the mean time, to

*See Appendix A.—†See Appendix B.

supply such services as the contiguity of my home to the northern part of the diocese rendered practicable. The notice of which now follows :

On Friday the 27th June, I left home on my first Episcopal visit to the diocese, on which journey I visited the following Churches : First—St. John's Church, Williamsborough ; where, assisted by the Rev. Mr. GREEN, I preached on Saturday, to a small congregation, owing to the wetness of the day. On Sunday the 29th, divine service was again performed, a sermon preached, and the holy communion administered—The congregation numerous and attentive.

From Williamsborough, I proceeded, on Tuesday the 1st July, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. GREEN, to Oxford ; where divine service was performed and a sermon preached by candle light, in the Methodist house of worship in that village, to a full congregation.

On the next day, proceeded on my journey to St. Mary's Chapel, in Orange county, where the next appointment was made for Sunday the 6th July—where the services of the Church, and the other duties of my office, were performed with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. GREEN, to a congregation too numerous for the Chapel to contain. The people, however, had erected an arbour to shade them from the sun ; under which the word of God was preached to them. At this place I baptised eight adults and one infant, confirmed twenty-four persons, one of them, Mr. Latta, between eighty and ninety years of age, and desirous, above measure, to add this apostolick rite to the other grounds of his faith in the revealed promises of God. I also administered the holy sacrament of the Lord's supper to forty-five communicants ; some of whom belonged to other denominations.

After these services, I proceeded on to Hillsborough ; where divine service was performed in the evening by myself, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. GREEN, in the Presbyterian Meeting House.

On Monday the 7th July, preached in the forenoon and in the evening, to a very respectable collection of the people ; the service by the Rev. Mr. GREEN.

On Wednesday the 9th, proceeded on my route to Raleigh, where we arrived in the evening.

Notice having been previously given for Thursday evening, and the use of the Presbyterian House of Worship very kindly offered during my stay, divine service was therein performed by the Rev. Mr. GREEN, and a sermon by myself, in the evening.

Saturday the 12th, divine service by the Rev. Mr. GREEN, in the forenoon, after which I preached, preparatory to the communion on the next day.

Sunday the 13th, assisted by the Rev. Mr. GREEN, the services of the Church were presented in full, to a numerous congregation. The communicants few in comparison; many of them dissenters. I preached again in the evening, and took leave of the inhabitants for the present, from whom, as also on my whole route, I have received all those marks of attention and respect, which made me feel, that I was not a stranger in a strange land; but a welcome guest, among brethren and friends.

Having completed the necessary arrangements for removing my residence to Raleigh by the close of the year, a house not being to be procured sooner, I left Raleigh on Monday afternoon, the 14th, and proceeded home, where I arrived on the 18th.

On the 27th August, I again left home, on a visit to the western Churches of the diocese, directing my route first to Oxford, as the nearest organized congregation; where I arrived in the evening, and was met by the Rev. Mr. GREEN.

Read prayers and preached the next day, to a very respectable audience; only a small number of them, however, Episcopalians; and went in the evening to Dr. Bullock's, where there was an appointment for me to preach the next day.

Friday the 29th, preached to a collection of the neighbours, under the trees in the doctor's yard; but could only have the service in part, both from want of books, and want of acquaintance with the forms. Went on in the evening to Judge Cameron's, where I rested on Saturday.

Sunday the 31st, attended at St. Mary's Chapel, where I was met by the Rev. Mr. HOOPER, who read prayers, after which, I preached to a numerous congregation, and administered the holy communion. In the course of the services, I baptised one adult, and confirmed six persons. After the services of the day, proceeded on to Hillsborough, where I remained all night.

Tuesday the 2d, attended my appointment at St. Jude's Church; where I performed the service of the Church, and preached to a large congregation of people—here I baptised one infant. Returned to Mr. Davis's and preached by candle light in Stony Creek Meeting House, to a numerous congregation.

My next appointment being at Lexington, I proceeded from Mr. Davis's for that place; where, on Friday the 5th, I performed divine service, and preached to a very small number of people, and apparently unaccustomed to our services, though organized as an Episcopal congregation. In the afternoon went on to Salisbury.

On Saturday evening divine service was performed by desire in the Court House, after which I preached on the subject of confirmation, many of the candidates for that rite being present.

According to previous notice, on Sunday the 7th, divine service was performed in the Church, both forenoon and afternoon, together with a sermon. After divine service in the forenoon, I administered the rite of confirmation to thirteen persons; and after sermon, administered the communion to about forty, of whom one-third were blacks. The Church was crowded with people; but I had no means of ascertaining what proportion considered themselves Episcopalians. To determine this as far as possible, I invited the members and friends of the Church to attend a meeting at Mrs. Beard's, on Monday evening; where I lectured from the 2d chap. of the Acts of the Apostles, and in conclusion, requested those who were disposed to unite in organizing an Episcopal Church in that place, to make themselves known; when twenty-one of the company present rose up, as a declaration of this intention. This number, with those necessarily absent, and others resident in the vicinity, whose sentiments are known, present a very favourable prospect. Hitherto, however, as far as I am informed, no efficient steps have been taken to organize, or provide a clergyman.

Being disappointed in the expectation I had entertained, to be here met by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, and the Rev. Mr. MILLER, to whom I had committed the arrangement of my official duties west and south of this point, I concluded to proceed, and to visit Christ's Church, in the neighbourhood of Salisbury.— On Wednesday the 10th, accordingly, I left Salisbury, and went on to Capt. Hall's. Here I was joined by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, on Thursday morning, and went on with him to meet the congregation of Christ's Church, according to notice; where divine service was performed, and a sermon preached, to a rather numerous congregation for a week day.

According to notice given on Thursday, divine service was held at Christ's Church on Saturday, by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT; after which I preached on the subject of confirmation, to a very respectable congregation of the people, and gave notice for the services of the ensuing day.

Sunday the 14th. Divine service was again performed by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT; after which I confirmed fifty persons, preached, and with the assistance of Mr. WRIGHT, administered the communion to sixty-three professors of the faith of the gospel. The house was entirely inadequate to contain the numbers who were present.

The unhappy and very injurious privation of the regular services of the Church, in most of the congregations which I have visited, have led me to resort to the only substitute, in the appointment of lay readers; and here, for the first time in this visit, I found the congregation willing to receive, and an indi-

vidual willing to render, this very efficient service to the cause of religion. On the recommendation, therefore, of the congregation of Christ's Church, I authorized Mr. WILLIAM BARBER to officiate as lay reader therein.

Tuesday the 16th, I attended at St. Michael's Church, Iredell county; where divine service was performed by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT; after which I confirmed six persons, preached, and administered the communion to thirteen, who had hope in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Obtaining here no news of Mr. MILLER, (who, I have since learned, was prevented by an alarming accident to himself) and ascertaining that no notices were given for my further progress west and south, it was concluded to abandon the prosecution of my original purpose for this time, and bend my course to Wadesborough.

In the prosecution of this design, the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT and myself proceeded through Salisbury to Wadesborough, where we arrived on Thursday the 18th, myself labouring under the pressure of severe indisposition.

Having, however, made use of the necessary means in the interval, so as to check in some degree the violence of the fever, I consented to officiate on Saturday, preparatory to the services notified for Sunday. The return of the fever in the afternoon was severe, and on Sunday morning my servant was cast down with the disease of the climate.

Several persons, however, in this portion of the vineyard, having looked forward to this opportunity with anxious expectation, I felt that they were not to be disappointed for any personal ease to myself. Though feeble in body, I confirmed eleven persons, preached, and administered the holy sacrament to seventeen. In the afternoon preached again, to the injury of my health, being much exhausted, and attacked next day very violently. On the 12th of October, however, I preached twice, and catechised the children, greatly to my satisfaction, and to the credit of their parents and pastor.

I officiated on Sunday the 19th, to an attentive congregation of different denominations, in Pittsborough; and proceeded next day to Raleigh, where I arrived on the 21st. Officiated three times, once on the evening of Friday the 24th, and twice on Sunday the 26th, in the Presbyterian House of Worship, and baptised one infant.

I left Raleigh on Monday the 27th, for Warrenton, where I arrived the next day, under all the symptoms of a relapse. I nevertheless performed divine service and preached the next day, to a small but serious collection of the inhabitants, the weather being cold and rainy. From this place my journey home was

rendered painful by return of fever, under the effects of which I laboured until the 3d of December.

Having made the necessary preparations, I at length removed from Virginia with my family, and took up my residence in Raleigh, on Saturday the 20th of December; having officiated in Williamsborough the Sunday previous. But as there was yet no House for Worship provided in that place, I continued to officiate occasionally in the Presbyterian House of Worship, until Saturday the 18th of January; when divine service was performed, and a sermon preached, both morning and evening, in the house rented and fitted up as a temporary Chapel by the congregation of Christ's Church.

To supply as far as possible, and in the only mode as yet possible, the want of regular services to the Churches in the western section of the diocese, I have commissioned the following gentlemen as lay readers: CHARLES MILLS, senr. for St. Michael's Church, Iredell county; ALEXANDER LOWRANCE for St. Peter's Church, Lincoln county; ROBERT H. BURTON and DANIEL M. FORNEY, for Whitehaven Church, in the same county; and THOMAS A. SUMPTER for St. Andrew's Church, Burke county.

Mr. JOHN DAVIS was commissioned to act as lay reader at Waynesborough.

The new Episcopal Church in Newbern being ready for consecration, the vestry of that parish applied to me to appoint a day for that purpose; which I fixed for the first Sunday in February. On the 23d of January, therefore, I left Raleigh in the stage, and on Saturday evening preached in Waynesborough, to a pretty numerous collection of the inhabitants and neighbourhood, in the tavern, apparently with acceptance. On Monday I arrived in Newbern, where I was most kindly received, and lodged with Mr. Asa Jones.

In pursuance of appointments previously made, I left Newbern the next day, with a view to devote the interval to the Churches in the adjoining country; and, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. MASON, arrived at Washington that evening, where divine service was performed by Mr. MASON, and a sermon preached by myself, in the new Episcopal Church in that place.

On Wednesday the 28th, proceeded to Bath, where a large congregation was assembled in the venerable old Church (of that once, more populous town) built in the year 1732, and yet in tolerable repair; and where I preached, baptised three adults, fifteen children, and confirmed twenty-five persons.

On the 29th, left Bath for my next appointment at Zion Chapel, on the road to Washington; where the usual services were performed to a crowded and engaged audience; and where

I baptised six adults, one of them 67 years old, and twelve infants, and administered confirmation to twenty-four persons. Here I must take leave to remark, that the lively condition of these two congregations, and the deep interest felt for the revival of the Church, is owing, under God, to the zealous and persevering, and discreet exertions of the two lay readers who officiate amongst them--Mr. BUXTON, and Mr. MARSH, aided by the occasional visits of the Rev. Mr. MASON: an example, which, I trust, will be fruitful in encouraging others to go and do likewise.

In the evening I returned to Washington, where I baptised one infant; and, after preaching on the subject, confirmed twenty persons.

On Friday the 30th, the new Church in Washington being in a sufficient state of forwardness, and every necessary step being taken to confirm the property and possession of it to the Protestant Episcopal Church, the building was solemnly consecrated and set apart to the worship of Almighty God, according to the Liturgy of the P. E. Church, and to the administration of the word and sacraments, to the use of that communion for ever, by the name or title of St. Peter's Church, Washington. In the duties of the day was included the administration of the holy communion.

In the evening left Washington and its kind inhabitants, for service at Trinity or Blount's Chapel, a distance of four miles; where, after the service by the Rev. Mr. MASON, and a sermon by myself, by candle light, I administered the rite of confirmation to seven persons.

In the section of country through which I have just passed, it glads my heart, brethren, to find the affections of so many of the inhabitants still strong towards the Church of their fathers; and it was truly a rejoicing spectacle to me, in a country, which, judging from the roads, hardly contained inhabitants, to find such numbers, quite at home in our Liturgy, and prepared and desirous to profit by those apostolick services, which they had learned to revere, as wise appointments of the great Head of the Church, for the increase of his grace in their hearts, and for their establishment and assurance in the one faith and hope of the gospel.

On the next day, Saturday the 31st, we returned to Newbern.

Sunday, February the 1st 1824.—The necessary deeds being all previously prepared, as in the case of St. Peter's, Washington; and assisted by the Rev. Mr. HOOPER, the Rev. Mr. GREEN, the Rev. Mr. MASON, and the Rev. Mr. TREADWAY, of the diocese of Virginia, then on a visit to his friends—I consecrated and set apart to the worship and service of Almighty God, according to the ritual of the Protestant Episcopal Church,

and to the use of that communion for ever, the elegant and appropriate brick building lately erected in Newbern, by the name or title of Christ's Church.

This building does great credit to the taste and liberality of the contributors. There is nothing superfluous in ornament; but a chaste simplicity characterises the whole of the finishing.— May the simplicity and godly sincerity of the gospel be the ornament of those who worship in its courts.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. HOOPER, the sermon by myself; after which the holy communion was administered.

The novelty of the occasion drew together a multitude of people, even more than the house could contain; and from the seriousness with which the different services were regarded, the hope is entertained that good and favourable impressions were made. In the evening the usual services were performed by the Rev. Mr. GREEN, after which I preached a sermon.

At the request of the vestry, and on their suggestion that it would have a favourable effect on the sale of the pews, I consented to remain the week in Newbern; during which period I officiated twice, in the evening, and again on Saturday evening, at which time I baptised one adult, and administered the rite of confirmation to thirteen persons.

On the next day, Sunday the 8th, divine service, morning and evening, by Mr. MASON, after which I preached and administered the holy communion in the forenoon, and in the evening again preached and catechised the children. During this visit to Newbern, every thing was calculated to impress my mind with the most favourable anticipations in favour of religion and of the Church.

On Monday the 9th, I left Newbern on my return to Raleigh; and took a circuit through Pitt county, for the purpose of visiting a small congregation at Grace Chapel, to which Mr. MASON has sometimes officiated. On Tuesday forenoon, the service of the Church was performed by Mr. MASON, and a sermon by myself, to a pretty numerous congregation; after which he conveyed me to Kinston, where there was an appointment for evening service, which was filled up to a large and very attentive audience, assembled in the Court House. Here I had the satisfaction to learn, that the affection of the people to the Church of their fathers, is sufficiently alive to engage them in providing a House of Worship, which is expected to be completed in the course of the current year. I here met the stage, and taking leave of the Rev. Mr. MASON, returned therein to Raleigh.

My next visit was to the Churches in Fayetteville and Wil-

mington ; for the former of which places I set out from Raleigh on Thursday the 4th March ; and according to previous notice given to the Rev. Mr. HOOPER, divine service was held in the Church in Fayetteville, on Saturday the 6th, and after a sermon on the subject, confirmation was administered to eight persons. Divine service was again performed on the evening of that day, by the Rev. Mr. HOOPER, and a sermon preached by myself, to a numerous and attentive audience.

On Sunday the 7th, the regular and usual services of the day were attended to, and the holy communion administered in the forenoon—the congregation large and engaged. In the evening, the service was performed by the Rev. Mr. ROB'T. CROES, and a sermon by myself, to a still more numerous collection of people.

During my stay in this place, as every where else, it has been my object to obtain as much personal knowledge of the members of the Church as my very limited time would permit ; in which I was very promptly met and assisted by the Rev. Mr. HOOPER, on this occasion, as heretofore by the other clergy ; and, as I hope, to the mutual comfort and edification, both of them and myself. The evening of each day was appropriated to the public services of the sanctuary, and to the edification of the pulpit, in which I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. HOOPER. During the service on Monday evening, I baptised an infant.

On Wednesday the 10th of March, I left Fayetteville in the stage for Wilmington.

In the evening of the next day, met there a very respectable congregation for evening prayer. The remainder of the week was filled up in private visits to the members of the Church, during the day, and in public service and preaching in the evening, to very numerous and attentive congregations. In all which it was my endeavour to subserve the general interests of religion, and the particular and inseparable interests of the Church.

On Sunday the 14th, previous to the hour for service, I catechised the children, much to my satisfaction, and to their credit who attend to this essential duty. I preached to a very full congregation, and administered the holy communion to about 120 communicants, several of whom were blacks, of a very devout and orderly spirit.

In the afternoon, divine service was again performed, by the Rev. Mr. EMPIE, and a confirmation held ; when, after a sermon on the subject, by myself, nine persons received that regularly apostolick ordinance of our holy religion.

On Monday the 15th, I visited Mr. JULIUS WALKER, a member of the congregation, confined by indisposition, and adminis-

tered to him, and five others of his family, the consolations of religion in that bread and cup, whereby we are made partakers of the body and blood of Christ. In the evening, public service, and a sermon by myself, the congregation still numerous.

The next day the Rev. Mr. EMPIE performed divine service, during which I baptised seven children, and afterwards preached on the duty of religious instruction to the young members of the church; taking my leave of the people for the present.

On Tuesday the 20th of April, I left Raleigh for Edenton; and proceeding through Tarborough, preached there on the evening of the 21st, to a numerous, attentive, and gratified audience. But though our service was once known and used in this place, long interruption of regular ministrations has operated so injuriously, that I was compelled to use it only in part. The Church, however, has still remaining here a numerous, respectable, and warm body of friends, requiring only the help and countenance of a discreet and able pastor, to revive and flourish.

Finding an appointment made for me the next day at a place of public worship called Cahukie, distant 25 miles, I left Tarborough early, and met the congregation there assembled, between twelve and one o'clock; the day was rainy, and many were consequently prevented from attending; a goodly number, however, were present; but here, also, the service could only be partially used; though on the opposite hill, once stood a Temple, the walls of which were once vocal with the devout strains of our spirit stirring Liturgy. I however preached to the people assembled; but whether to their edification, I had no means of judging.

From this place I crossed Roanoke, on my way to Windsor, where there was an appointment for me the next day; which I reached in time; and where, with a little instruction to the few friends of the Church in that place, I was enabled to have the service very respectably performed; and afterwards preached to a numerous collection of the people in the Court House.

On Saturday, the 24th, I reached Edenton, after a rough and rather tedious passage of the sound. In the evening, according to previous notice, I held a confirmation in the Church in that place; when, after divine service by the Rev. Mr. AVERY, and a sermon by myself, I administered that rite to five persons, all of them females.

It will no doubt be remarked, that the number presented for confirmation in those parts of the diocese where there are fixed pastors, is comparatively small; it is however to be accounted for from the circumstance that these congregations have heretofore had the advantage of Episcopal ministrations; and because also of the regulation I have adopted, requiring the clergy to be

answerable for the qualifications of those by them presented, on personal knowledge and conference with them ; in order that by due care in this behalf, the odium cast upon this ordinance, by its promiscuous administration, may be avoided in this diocese ; and the ordinance itself be restored to the reverent estimation due to it, and the religious benefit certainly to be derived from it, when duly and rightly received and applied.

On Sunday the 25th, divine service was performed both forenoon and afternoon, by Mr. AVERY, and a sermon preached by myself. The holy communion was administered in the forenoon ; and throughout all the services, great attention and engagedness was manifested. During my stay, I endeavoured to see as many of the congregation as my time would permit ; and among other things, pointed out to them the great addition it would be to their pastor's usefulness among them, could he be set free from the laborious duty of charge of the academy, a step which I trust will be taken in due time.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the service was performed, and a sermon preached, to numerous and attentive audiences ; on the last of which I took my leave of them, to fill up an appointment made for me in Mursfreesborough, on the evening of Friday the 30th. Here I met a numerous congregation ; but with a few exceptions, entire strangers to the service of the Church. There are, however, a few favourable to our views of divine truth and outward order in religion ; but nearly overborne by the weight of other denominations. For one of these I baptised a child next morning—as also did the Rev. Mr. AVERY, one in the family in which he lodged.

From hence, my next appointment was in Halifax, for Sunday forenoon ; but all possibility of reaching it was prevented, by the sudden and unexpected rise of the river Roanoke, rendering the ferries, and indeed the small streams three miles from its banks, impassable.

Thus, my brethren, have I laid before you the course of my labours in the diocese since I was called to the administration of its concerns. The narrative is necessarily succinct in its details ; but sufficient, I would hope, to suggest to the assembled council of the Church, those measures, which are at once necessary and practicable, for the advancement of those high interests which we all have at heart. That there exists throughout the country, particularly in the middle and eastern sections of the state, a sentiment of respect and affection for the Church of their fathers, is proved to me by many testimonies ; and by none more, than by the cordial welcome I have every where met with. To cherish and keep alive this sentiment, and to fan into a flame of active exertion this smoking flax, will depend on the measures

you shall bring into operation. To shew, then, that there is a rallying point; that there is a body of their brethren steadily engaged in devising and maturing plans for their relief, and for extending to them the benefit of religious ministrations, as speedily as the nature of the case will admit of, will encourage them to endure yet longer; will stir them up, to meet your recommendations with hearty concurrence; and arm them to resist those insidious insinuations, which apply the desolateness of their scattered and insulated condition, as an argument to abandon the cause. To lay before them a well devised system for bringing into operation the means we possess, and applying them exclusively to the interests of the Church, will create confidence, and increase ability. Much that is now latent, will shew itself; and much that is now squandered in other directions, will return into its proper channel.

To exertions of this and every other kind, we are strongly stimulated, my brethren, by a review of what it hath pleased God to do for us in the few short years of the Church's revival. To look at what we were seven years back, and to look at what we are this day, must move the most indifferent to step forth, that they may be workers together with God, in this moral renovation; must encourage the most timid, not to despair of success; and engage every heart, every head, and every hand, in prayer, in counsel, and in action, for the prosperity of Zion. In all your operations, you may count upon my most hearty co-operation; and may the spirit of counsel and sound wisdom, rest upon all your labours, and guide them to a happy issue.

FRIDAY, MAY 7th, 9 o'CLOCK A. M.

The house met according to adjournment. The journals of the preceding day were then read; after which, the following resolution, moved by the Hon. J. L. TAYLOR, was adopted:

Resolved, That whenever it is recorded in the Journal, that a sermon was preached during the Convention, the name of the clergyman by whom it is preached, together with the text from which it is preached, shall be added.

The Parochial Reports were then called for, and the following presented:

CHRIST'S CHURCH, RALEIGH,

Rt. Rev. J. S. Ravenscroft, D. D. Rector.

The state of the congregation of Christ's Church, Raleigh, is on the whole encouraging. The services are well attended, in a building rented and fitted up for the purpose; and under all the disadvantages of frequent interruptions in the regular duties of the Sabbath, from my other duties to the diocese, it is evi-

dent that the Episcopal cause is gaining ground; and what is more, that the cause of religion is progressing. A weekly evening lecture, at the private houses of the members, is respectably attended; and though differing essentially from what are commonly called prayer meetings, and as such, the subject of various animadversion, is nevertheless unfolding its superior utility in the great purpose of conveying information on the scriptures generally.

The number of communicants is about 25; though from various circumstances, they have never all been present at any one administration of the holy sacrament. The number of members of the congregation, declared as such, is about 35—The baptisms in the congregation since last October, have been 3 infants, and 1 adult. One marriage—no funeral. During my occasional absences, Mr. GEORGE W. FREEMAN officiated as lay reader.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WILMINGTON,

Rev. Adam Empie, Rector.

Baptisms, - - - 23

Marriages, - - - 6

Funerals, - - - 8

Communicants, - - - 146 of which 20 are Africans.

Since the last Convention, 17 white, and 3 black communicants have been added to our number; but we have in the mean time lost 11, by death, removal, and desertion.

I have likewise baptised 6 at Salisbury, and 1 at Raleigh; and attended the funerals of 9 in Wilmington, who did not belong to my parish.

The number of families in this parish is about 70

do. of white adults, upwards of 200

do. of children, about 130

do. of coloured persons of all ages, about 100

The number of children in the Sunday school is not so great as it has been for some years past. It is to be hoped that christians will not become weary in so good a cause.

Collection in Church for the Convention fund, \$ 14 95

do. do. for the Missionary Society, 45 50

Received for do. from the Ladies' Working Association, 20 00

do. do. from the Missionary & Prayer Book Society, 7 50

do. do. from the Cent Society, 5 50

do. do. Dr. De Rossett and Julius H. Walker's subscription, } 4 00

Amount of Missionary collections, \$ 82 50

I may here state, once for all, that I am in the habit, every year, of visiting seven different places in the vicinity of Wilmington; at each of which I preach, and administer the communion 2, 3, or 4 times annually.

The state of religion among us, is, I trust, not on the decline; but it exhibits, amid some cause of gratitude and holy joy, abundant cause for prayer and humiliation, and for increased watchfulness and zeal.

As it may serve to stimulate others to the like good work, I will add, that a number of young misses, between 6 and 14 years old, have, by one of our young ladies, been formed into a society, and spend one afternoon in each week, in working for the purpose of charity. May their hearts, as well as their hands, be ever engaged in the cause of Him who went about doing good.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE,

Rev. Wm. Hooper, Rector.

Baptisms in Fayetteville, 11, of which 5 were black children, in Chatham co. 5—Total 16

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	54
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	2

Since the last Convention, four new communicants have been added.

I am happy to state, that there appears an increasing spirit of piety in the congregation: several persons have begun to reflect seriously on the importance of religion. Some who have been for many years communicants in the Church, have been led to examine themselves, to see the difference between the form and the power of godliness; and to determine to seek more diligently the renewing and comforting influences of true religion. The Sunday school belonging to this congregation is flourishing and increasing.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH,

Rev. Thomas Wright.

Baptisms—adults 2, children 5—7

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	14
Confirmed in September last,	-	-	-	-	11
Burials,	-	-	-	-	1

Collected in aid of the Missionary fund, \$ 8 25.

Our Sunday school continues to flourish, and it is believed that much good has resulted from the zeal and activity of the teachers in this labour of love.

The state of the congregation is encouraging, the numbers of communicants having doubled since the last Convention, and there is ground of hope, that some other friends, (in whom we trust a good work has been begun) will ere long do as their divine Master has bidden them, and kneel with their brethren at his table. Blessed be God for heavenly aid in this quarter of His vineyard. It is still with us the day of small things; yet we have reason to be thankful, that, whereas according to information received in 1821, there were but three baptised persons in the village; 16 adults and 18 children, have since been added to the Redeemer's Church, and there is strong hope of further increase.

CHRIST'S CHURCH, NEWBERN,

Rev. R. S. Mason, Rector.

Baptisms in Newbern—adults	3,	children	15,	18
in Washington,	2		4	6
Bath,	3		18	21
Zion,	8		18	26
Total				71
Burials in Newbern,	-	-	-	6
Pitt county,	-	-	-	1—Total 7
Marriages,	-	-	-	4
Confirmed,	-	-	-	13
Communicants,	-	-	-	67
Collection for the Missionary Society,				\$ 62 00

Since the last Convention, 2 communicants have died, 3 have removed, and 14 been added.

Besides the regular ministrations in his own parish, the rector of this Church has occasionally preached in the adjoining parishes. From the beginning of the present year, Sunday evening has been appropriated to lectures on the scriptures, and catechetical instruction for the benefit of the coloured people, and it is hoped, not without profit.

The new Church, the building of which was, at the last Convention, announced to be in a state of great progress, has since been completed; and I am happy to say that the congregation is nearly, if not quite, as numerous in proportion to the size of the building, as it was in the old Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON,

Rev. John Avery, Rector.

Baptisms in Edenton,	-	5
Murfreesborough,	1—Total	6

Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	25

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, IREDELL CO.

Rev. R. J. Miller, Rector.

The past year has been to me a period of sore trial and privation in all my ministerial duties ; arising from two circumstances, over which I had no controul. The first was by the Rev. Mr. DAVIS leaving this section of the diocess, without any previous notice, or provision made to supply his place ; and the second, by a personal misfortune that befel myself, and incapacitated me from travelling, from August to April. To the congregations so imperfectly organized as most of them were, this has raised obstacles in the way of our success among them ; and more labour and exertion will be required to bring them back to their former state, than would otherwise have been necessary to ensure our complete success. I have not been able to administer the communion during the past year, to any of the Churches except Christ's Church, on Easter day ; when there were 57 communicants, two of whom were Africans. I have, however, no reason to think, that on the whole there is any diminution of numbers in the Churches, with the exception of St. Michael's ; where, contrary to my best hopes, and as I think, their best interest, our Lutheran brethren have generally withdrawn. In consequence of the above, and some other circumstances, little or nothing has been done this year, in behalf of the bishop's fund, or that of the Missionary Society. But notwithstanding this tardiness for the past years, I have hope that as soon as proper application is made, all our reasonable expectations will be realized.

		Baptisms.	Burials.
Christ's Church, Rowan co.	Adults 2, children	24—26	3
St. Andrew's Church, Burke co.		12—12	5
St. Michael's Church, Iredell co.	1	7— 8	4
St. Peter's Church, Lincoln co.		4— 4	
Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.		1— 1	3
Whitehaven Church, Lincoln co.		11—11	1
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,		1— 1	2
On my way to the Convention,	1	— 1	
		64	18
Collections—Bishop's fund,		\$ 6 00	
Missionary fund,		16 75	

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH,

Rev. W. M. Green, Rector.

At Williamsborough—Communicants, 18, Removed 3, died 1
 Emmanuel Church, Warrenton—Communicants, 11
 Removed 2 Baptisms 5, of these, 2 adults.
 St. Mary's Chapel, Orange co.—Communicants 24
 Baptisms 17 11 adults
 St. Paul's Chapel, Milton—Baptisms 1
 At Hillsborough—do. 1

St. Luke's, Salisbury—Baptisms—1 adult, 1 infant, 2

In presenting this Report to the Convention, I would mention, that what from my necessary duties as Agent for the bishop's fund, and from other causes equally imperious, I have been absent from my congregation one third of the last year. To this cause principally, I would hope that the almost stationary numbers of the congregation under my charge may be attributed.

I would humbly hope, however, that a spirit of piety is still among them; and that there needs only more frequent and regular ministrations in each place, to increase the number of those who wish to come out and be separate from an evil world.

Report presented by Abner P. Neale.

St. Peter's Church, Washington,
 Baptisms—Adults 3, children 4, 7
 Confirmed, - - - 20
 Communicants, - - - 14
 Trinity Chapel, Beaufort co.
 Confirmed 7—Communicants 4
 St. Thomas' and Zion, Beaufort co.
 Baptisms 11—Confirmed 51

After the Parochial Reports, certificates of the organization of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and of Union Church, Waynesborough, were presented, and the said Churches admitted into union with this Convention.

JOHN LITTLE, Esq. the delegate from St. Paul's, Edenton, now appeared and took his seat.

A committee on the state of the Church, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. EMPIE, MILLER and HOOPER, of the clergy, and of Messrs. TAYLOR, GREEN, WADDELL and LITTLE, of the laity, was next appointed.

A communication from the Rev. Mr. BEDELL, of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, was read, and referred to the Rev. Messrs. HOOPER and EMPIE, and the Hon. JOHN L. TAYLOR.

The Rev. Mr. EMPIE then presented a number of resolutions, which were referred to the committee on the state of the Church; after which, the following preamble and resolution, moved by the Rev. Mr. EMPIE, were adopted :

Whereas by the consecration of our worthy diocesan, the temporary connexion that subsisted between this Convention and the Rt. Rev. R. C. MOORE of Virginia, has been dissolved,

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Resolved, unanimously, that the Church in this diocese is greatly indebted to the fostering care of the venerable bishop of Virginia; that she entertains the warmest sentiments of respect for his character, and gratitude for his friendly visitations, and the disinterested zeal he has uniformly manifested in her welfare; and that our President be respectfully requested to tender to the Rt. Rev. R. C. MOORE, the strongest assurances of this our respect and gratitude.

The following resolution, the question being put by the Secretary, was then adopted :

Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rt. Rev. prelate, for his excellent discourse delivered at the opening of this Convention, and that he be respectfully requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

To which request the bishop was pleased to give his consent.

A certificate of delegation, from St. Peter's Church, Washington, was then read, and ABNER P. NEALE, as delegate from that Church, admitted to a seat in this house.

The Rev. Mr. EMPIE then presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Whereas it has been suggested by the bishop, that inconvenience may arise from the practice of a vote of thanks for the annual sermon at the opening of the Convention, and the compliment of requesting a copy for publication; be it, therefore, *Resolved*, that it is the opinion of this house, that the practice be henceforth discontinued.

The Convention then adjourned, to attend divine service.—Morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. AVERY, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. MILLER, from Matt. 16. v. 24.

After divine service, the house again assembled for business.

Mr. THOS. H. KEAN, a delegate from St. John's Church, Williamsborough, appeared and took his seat.

A certificate of delegation from St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, was presented, and TIPPOO L. HENDERSON, a delegate from the said Church, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. MASON, *Resolved*, that the next Convention be held in Washington.

The committee appointed at the last Convention, to collect funds for the Missionary Society (see Journals for 1823, p. 20)

were called on to report; when \$.2 00 was reported to have been collected at St. Michael's Church, Iredeil co. by Mr. CHAS. MILLS.

The contributions to the contingent fund were then called for, and the following rendered in :

St. James' Church, Wilmington,	\$ 14 95
St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	10 00
St. John's Church, Williamsborough,	2 00
St. Mary's Church, Orange co.	3 00
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	4 00
Christ's Church, Raleigh,	13 50

\$ 47 45

The Convention then adjourned, to meet again at 9 o'clock the following morning.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

The house met ; and the minutes of the preceding day were read.

A certificate of the organization of the congregation of St. Paul's Chapel, Milton, was presented, and the said congregation admitted into union with this Convention.

A certificate of delegation from the said congregation, appointing Col. J. R. CLARKE to represent it in this Convention, was then read, and being approved, Col. J. R. CLARKE took his seat as a member of the house.

The committee on the Rev. Mr. BEDELL's communication respecting the Theological Seminary, being called on to report, presented the following, which was adopted :

REPORT.

The special committee to whom was referred the letter of the Rev. GREGORY T. BEDELL, addressed to the Convention, respectfully report :

That they have examined the Journals of the Convention from its first establishment, for the purpose of ascertaining the authority by which the Rev. Mr. BEDELL's zealous and meritorious services as Agent of the Theological Seminary, were first rendered, and thereby to ascertain the relation in which he stood to this Convention. But the appointment of Mr. BEDELL to such Agency, is not to be found in them ; though, in 1821, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to him for his services, a recognition made of his Agency, and a resolution passed, requesting him to continue his exertions. It is believed, however,

that these proceedings were had in the spirit of approving the plan of the General Convention, and of giving such increased influence to the efforts of Mr. BEDELL, as might be derived from the countenance and sanction of this Convention. Your committee have no reason to believe, from any record, or documentary evidence, that an original power as Agent was devolved on Mr. BEDELL by the Convention. On the contrary, they have received information from a highly respectable source, that the subscriptions to the Theological Seminary were so arranged, as to be made payable to JOHN WINSLOW and J. A. CAMERON, Esqrs., and the money, when received, to be by those gentlemen so invested, as to form a productive fund for the establishment of a professorship; and if this information be correct, it follows, that Mr. BEDELL is accountable to the survivor of these gentlemen, who alone is now authorized to receive the money, and give Mr. BEDELL an acquittance. Thus, any act of this Convention, in settling with Mr. BEDELL, would be without authority on their part, and without security on his; and even if this Convention were to receive the sums collected, and pay them over to the Theological Seminary; it would amount to a breach of faith to the subscribers, in violating the original terms of the subscription. Your committee, therefore, recommend, that a copy of this report be transmitted to the Rev. Mr. BEDELL, for his guidance. But your committee would wish to guard against any inference that, because an interference of the Convention in this case is deemed improper, their anxiety for the prosperity of the Seminary has suffered any diminution, or their conviction of its vital importance to the growth and prosperity of the Church, is in any degree weakened. On the contrary, they remain deeply impressed with a sense of the wisdom of the conception; and with grateful remembrance to all those who by their zeal or munificence have imparted strength to this nursery of a pious and enlightened ministry; and trust that it will yet be a powerful instrument under God, of proclaiming the glad tidings of the gospel to thousands who might otherwise have lived in the darkness of ignorance, and died in the despair of infidelity.

The committee on the state of the Church, next presented their report, which was read and adopted, as follows:

The committee on the state of the Church, respectfully report:

That since the last Convention, the Church has continued to prosper, in a degree commensurate with all reasonable hopes and expectations. The Sunday schools have generally continued in a flourishing condition. * Three new congregations have

* The number is really four. For though St. Peter's, Washington, through some negligence or forgetfulness, was not formally recognized; yet its ac-

been added to the Church; the number of communicants has been greatly augmented. It has pleased the great Head of the Church, to bless the efforts of the ministry, and to dispose the hearts of the people to increased piety and purity; and the progress of our faith is such, as to call for renewed gratitude to God for these marks of his favour. The unwearied labours of our venerable bishop, during the short time he has been in the diocese, have imparted a new tone to the interests of the Church; and the extent of these blessings may be seen in the annexed Journal, replete with interest and information, and which at the same time obviates a more detailed performance of the duty confided to the committee.

The Rev. Mr. EMPIE's resolutions, which had been ordered to lie on the table, were now called for, and adopted, with the annexed Canon.

1. *Resolved*, that JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq. be appointed Treasurer of the Convention, and Agent to manage the Episcopal fund, under the direction of the standing committee; and that he make an annual report to this Convention, of the state of his accounts and agency.

2. *Resolved*, that the said Agent do invest the surplus of the sum at the end of each year, in some permanent and productive fund, with the approbation of the standing committee.

3. *Resolved*, that the bishop be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the semi-annual instalments of his salary, as they become due.

4. *Resolved*, that the bishop be requested to draw upon the Treasurer for his travelling expenses, as soon as they shall have been incurred; and that he draw forthwith for those already incurred.

CANON.

An annual contribution shall be made by each congregation in this diocese, to defray the expenses of the bishop's visitations, and the contingent charges of the Convention; and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention; which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they are received.

The Treasurer of the last Convention then delivered in his report, which was referred to the Rev. Mr. HOOPER, and Mr. LITTLE.

knowledge of the Constitution and Canons of the P. E. Church in general, as well as the Church in this state, being well known, and a delegate having been received from said Church, as a member of the present Convention; it must be considered as forming, de facto, a constituent part of the Convention.

Resolved, that the Canons passed at the General Convention of 1823, be inserted in the Journals of this Convention.

Resolved, that the election of delegates to the Gen. Convention be annual.

The Rev. R. S. MASON, as Secretary of the Convention, then made several communications from the Journal of the General Convention of 1823.

The Convention, after this, adjourned to attend divine service, and to meet again at 4 o'clock P. M.

The Rev. Mr. CROES, from N. J., preached this morning, from Acts xvi. v. 31.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The house met. On motion of the Hon J. L. TAYLOR, *Resolved*, that the Secretary be requested to procure a blank book, in which shall be recorded the correspondence, commission, and other papers relative to the appointment and consecration of the diocesan, together with all papers and documents relative to the organization of Churches.

Dr. LUIGO MITCHELL, from St. Luke's, Salisbury, and Mr. SAM'L. GARTHWAIT, from St. Stephen's, Oxford, appeared and took their seats.

The delegates to the next General Convention were then ballotted for, and the following persons elected: of the clergy, Rev. Messrs. EMPIE, MASON, HOOPER and GREEN: of the laity, Hon. JNO. L. TAYLOR, Hon. DUNCAN CAMERON, and Messrs. MOSES JARVIS and JOSIAH COLLINS.

The standing committee for the year ensuing, were next ballotted for; and Rev. Messrs. EMPIE and HOOPER of the clergy, and Messrs. HAIGH, STRANGE, JEREMIAH LIPPETT and CHAS. MALLETT were chosen.

The standing committee for the past year, then presented their report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

In the course of the past year, very little business has come before the committee. In their session at the last Convention, they granted to Mr. IRA PARKER the testimonials required by the Canons, in order to his offering for ordination. Mr. PARKER proceeded to Virginia, was ordained by the bishop of that diocese, and has not since returned to this state.

At the present Convention, the committee have, upon receiving the required certificate, agreed to admit as a candidate for orders, Mr. ALEXANDER NORRIS. There are at present, therefore, four candidates for the ministry in this diocese.

This committee having been appointed Trustees for the application of the Episcopal fund, have the satisfaction to report, that the Rev. WILLIAM GREEN, who was appointed Agent for making collections for the Episcopate, has been considerably successful, and that he deserves the thanks of all the friends of our Church, for his active and zealous fulfilment of his Agency.

It appears from an examination of Mr. GREEN's accounts, that the whole amount subscribed as yet for the bishop's fund, is \$ 8,240, payable in five annual instalments, with the exception of \$ 30, which is payable in three annual instalments.

The sum actually collected by the Agent, amounts to \$1,878; of which, after deducting the bishop's salary, and the travelling expenses of the Agent, there remains on hand a balance of \$ 1,111 94, which has not as yet been vested in any productive fund.

As it is believed that many friends of the Church who have not yet been applied to, would subscribe to this fund, the committee would respectfully recommend the continuance of Mr. GREEN's agency, as his past success has proved him so well qualified for the important trust confided to him by the Convention; and it is hoped that the value of his services to the diocese in this respect, may induce him to accept of the same agency for the ensuing year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. EMPIE, *Chairman*
of the standing com,

It was then, on motion, *Resolved*, that the thanks of this Convention are eminently due, and are hereby given, to the Rev. Wm. M. GREEN, for the fidelity and zeal with which he has discharged the duties of Agent for the Episcopal fund.

Resolved, further, that he be requested to continue his Agency, and that he be authorized to appoint Agents wheresoever he shall judge them to be necessary.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. EMPIE, *Resolved*, that be a committee to consider and report upon the best means of raising an adequate fund for the Episcopate, and of preserving inviolate that which has already been subscribed and collected for that purpose.

The blank was then filled by the bishop's appointing the following persons to serve on the committee: Rev. Messrs. AVERY, MILLER and GREEN, of the clergy, and Messrs. LITTLE, ELLIS, GREEN, LIPPETT, ANDERSON, CLARKE and MITCHELL, of the laity.

The Convention then adjourned, to meet again at 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

On Saturday night, the bishop preached on confirmation, from Acts xv. 41.; and administered this apostolick rite to several persons.

On Sunday morning, the Church not being sufficiently large to contain all the persons assembled, divine service was likewise held in the Academy, by the Rev. Mr. HOOPER. In the Church, after morning prayer, the Rev. Mr. EMPIE delivered a discourse from Amos, iv. 12. The bishop administered again the rite of confirmation, to many who, through absence or indisposition, were unable to enjoy the benefits of it on Saturday; and also the holy eucharist, to a number of attentive recipients.

On Sunday afternoon, a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. MASON, for the purpose of making a collection in aid of the Missionary fund, from 1. Cor. iv. 2.

MONDAY, 9 o'CLOCK, A. M.

The committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of the Convention, reported that they had found it correct.*

Dr. LUIGO MITCHELL requested leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which was granted.

A committee from the Missionary society presented a report, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon. JOHN L. TAYLOR then presented the following Canon, which was passed.

CANON.

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

After which, the mover requested leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which was granted.

The house then adjourned, to meet after divine service.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. DAVIS, from the 1st Psalm.

After divine service, the house again assembled.

The committee on the Episcopal fund, being called upon, presented their report; which, after amendment, was adopted, with the resolutions annexed.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of the Episcopal fund, respectfully report—That having reflected on the measures already adopted for the promotion of the object in view, are of opinion, that under existing circum-

stances, none more effectual, or more likely to attain the desired end, can be selected.

In relation to the subscriptions to the fund, and the money thereon collected, your committee are of opinion, that it is not only highly expedient, but absolutely enjoined by the terms and purposes on which the contributions were made, that the fund should not be *violated* by payments out of the principal, for contingent uses ; but that it should remain a permanent and productive source of the salary contracted to be paid the bishop, as far at least as such object is practicable. Your committee can devise no other plan of achieving this, and which would be more likely to be generally acceptable to the members of the Church, than by a contribution from the several congregations in the diocese, proportioned to their numbers and ability. With this view, your committee have annexed a specific sum, for the payments of which, the respective congregations ought, in their opinions, to be subject, and the sum, when received, be forthwith remitted to the Treasurer. Your committee are further of opinion, that no time should be lost in making an investment of the money now in the hands of the Rev. Mr. GREEN, in some stock yielding an interest; and to provide for these several objects, they beg leave to recommend the following resolutions :

Resolved, that it is unnecessary to adopt any additional measures, to those already in operation, for the increase of the bishop's fund.

Resolved, that the several congregations in this diocese, be required to make an annual contribution of the sums specified in the annexed scale, on or before the first day of January in each year.

Resolved, that the standing committee be required to invest the money now in the hands of Mr. GREEN, in bank stock of the State Bank of North-Carolina ; or, at their discretion, in the stock of any other bank in the state, or on private security ; and that they proceed from time to time, as other monies may be received from the same source, to employ it in the same manner.

Resolved, that as the annual contribution required of the different congregations, will not be sufficient to pay the bishop's salary, that the deficiency be made up out of the dividends on bank stock that may be purchased, or the interest arising on money that may be lent out on private security, or out of the fund that has been or may be obtained by subscriptions.

SCALE.

Wilmington,	\$ 60	Blount's Chapel,	\$ 15
Fayetteville,	60	Smyrna,	15
Newbern,	60	Zion,	15
Edenton,	60	Lexington,	10
Raleigh,	60	St. Andrew's,	10
Salisbury,	30	Kinston,	10
Williamsboro'	25	Tarborough,	20
Warrenton,	20	Waynesborough,	5
St. Mary's,	25	St. Peter's,	5
Washington,	20	Oxford,	5
Wadesborough,	20	Halifax,	10
Christ's Church,	20	St. Jude's,	5
Milton,	10	Grace Chapel,	5
Bath,	15	St. Michael's,	5
White Haven,	15		
		Total,	\$ 630

On motion, *Resolved*, that be a committee to draft an address to the members and friends of the Church, in this diocese, setting forth the immediate necessity of creating an adequate fund for the Episcopate ; informing them of what has been done, of what is in prospect, and of the appointment of a general Agent for the purpose of earnestly soliciting their contributions for the same ; and pressing upon them the absolute duty of applying their means exclusively to the wants of their own communion.

Resolved, further, that the above address be printed with the Journals, and that such a number of extra copies be struck off as the Agent may think expedient.

The blank in the former resolution, was then filled by the bishop with the following names : Hon. J. TAYLOR, and WILLIAM H. HAYWOOD, Dr. A. S. H. BURGESS, and GEORGE W. FREEMAN.

It was then, on motion, *Resolved, unanimously*, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the inhabitants of Williamsborough and its vicinity, for their great attention and hospitality to the members of this Convention ; and that the Rev. Mr. GREEN do give publick notice of this resolution.

Resolved, that of the Journals, and of the bishop's sermon, there be printed each six hundred copies.

The Missionary Society's report, which had been ordered to lie on the table, was then called up, and after amendment adopted.

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the state of the Missionary Society, beg leave to make the following report :

It appears that the board of managers have not been able to procure any missionary services during the past year. They appointed Messrs. DAVIS and PARKER; but as both these gentlemen soon after left the diocess, no missionary services were performed by them. The funds, therefore, of the Society, have remained inactive and unemployed.

Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$ 342 66
do. collected and received during this Convention,	182 25
do. due to the Society,	168 00

\$ 692 91

The house then adjourned, after singing and prayer, with the benediction from the bishop.

R. S. MASON, *Secretary.*

CANONS

Passed in Annual Convention, in 1824.

CANON I.

Respecting Annual Contributions.

An annual contribution shall be made, by each congregation in this diocese, to defray the necessary expenses of the bishop's visitation, and the contingent charges of the Convention; and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention; which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they are received.

CANON II.

Respecting the bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

CANONS

Passed in General Convention, in 1823.

CANON I.

Regulating the admission of persons as Candidates for Holy Orders, and repealing the first paragraph of the seventh Canon of 1808.

Every person who desires to become a candidate for Orders in this Church, shall obtain admission of the bishop, or such body as the Church in the diocese or state in which he intends to apply, may appoint, at least one year before his ordination. The first paragraph of the seventh Canon of 1808, is hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Prescribing the mode of publishing authorized editions of the Standard Bible of this Church.

The bishop of this Church in any state or diocese, or where there is no bishop, the standing committee, is authorized to appoint, from time to time, some suitable person or persons, to compare and correct all new editions of the Bible, by the standard edition, agreed upon by the General Convention. And a certificate of their having been so compared and corrected, shall be published with said book.

☞ The following resolution was ordered to accompany this Canon.

Resolved, by the two houses of Convention, that it be recommended to every future Convention, to appoint a joint committee, to whom there may be communicated all errors, if any, in editions of the Bible printed under the operation of the second Canon of this Convention; such errors to be notified on the Journal of the Convention, to which they may at any time be presented by the joint committee.

APPENDIX A.

St. James' Parish, 25th April, 1823.

*Rev. and dear sir,
and brother,*

YOUR favour of the 14th inst., announcing the very unlooked for circumstance of my election as their bishop, by the Convention of North-Carolina, was received last night, by the hands of the Rev. Mr. GREEN. I trust, that the finger of God is too plainly marked in this work, to permit any hesitation on my part, in giving myself to this call of the Church. Personally a stranger to the great majority of the Convention, and with but a transient acquaintance with any of that body ; while to the diocese at large I am actually unknown, I must surrender all faith in the superintending care of the great Head of the Church over his members, if I could doubt the destination to which he appoints me ; and I humbly thank him for the relief thus given me against the sense of my own insufficiency for so awfully responsible a station, from the doubts and fears which will so frequently cloud the calls to spiritual duty, and for the confirmation given to the whole by your unanimity.

Such as I am, therefore, I surrender myself to the service of the diocese ; beseeching Him who took David from the sheep-fold, and Apostles from the fishing net, to furnish, guide and dispose of me to the advancement of his glory, the good of his Church, the safety, honour and welfare of his people.

I shall go on to Philadelphia to the General Convention, with the testimonials furnished me, and should that body judge me worthy of the office, I shall take upon me the sacred office to which I am thus called ; and shortly after my return home, will visit such part of the diocese as shall be within my reach, and for such purposes as may be wanted.

It is proper, however, for me to state, that the necessary preparations for a removal into the diocese to reside, will occupy the summer and autumn. In common with many others, I am encumbered with landed property and some slaves, which must be disposed of; as I wish, as far as possible, to be free from such cares and encumbrances. This, however, will not prevent such services as may be indispensable, seeing I reside within ten miles of the Carolina line.

Pecuniary emolument enters not into my calculation, beyond that decent support which the scripture warrants the workman to require and receive. This, I understand, will be furnished through the Raleigh congregation, in addition to what is given by the Convention—and therewith I am content. As I have received no communication from them, I leave it to you to inform them of my willingness to take charge.

Requesting the favour of you to present me most respectfully to the standing committee, informing them of my purpose; and begging an interest in your prayers, and in those of your congregation, I am your friend and brother, in the fellowship of the gospel.

JNO. S. RAVENSCROFT.

REV. ADAM EMPIE,
President of Standing Committee.

APPENDIX B.

Certificate of Bishop Ravenscroft's Consecration.

KNOW all men by these presents, that we *William White*, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, Presiding Bishop; *Alexander Viets Griswold*, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Eastern Diocese; *James Kemp*, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Maryland; *John Croes*, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-Jersey; *Nathaniel Bowen*, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of South-Carolina; *Thomas Church Brownell*, D. D. LL. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Connecticut; under the protection of Almighty God, in St. Paul's Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Thursday, the twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, did then and there, rightly and canonically consecrate

our beloved in Christ, JOHN STARK RAVENSCROFT, Rector of St. James's Parish, Mecklenberg county, in the State of Virginia, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners, we were fully ascertained, into the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North-Carolina, to which he hath been duly elected by the Convention of said State.

Given in the city of Philadelphia, the twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.

WILLIAM WHITE,	(L. S.)
ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD,	(L. S.)
JAMES KEMP,	(L. S.)
JOHN CROES,	(L. S.)
NATHANIEL BOWEN,	(L. S.)
THOMAS CHURCH BROWNELL	(L. S.)

APPENDIX C.

The Convention of the P. E. Church in North-Carolina, in account with the Rev. R. S. Mason, Treasurer.

1823.	DR.	
April 25,	To cash paid Pasteur & Watson for } printing Journals of 1822,	\$ 40 00
Aug. 22,	do. do. do. of 1823,	40 00
		<hr/> \$ 80 00

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By cash received April 11th, 1823,	75 25
Balance due the Treasurer,	4 75
	<hr/> \$ 80 00


CONGREGATIONS OF THE P. E. CHURCH,

In the Diocese of North-Carolina.

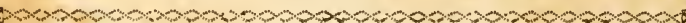
- St. James' Church, Wilmington.
 St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
 Christ's Church, Newbern.
 St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
 St. Jude's Church, Orange co.
 St. John's Church, Williamsborough.
 St. Mary's Church, Orange co.
 Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
 Christ's Church, Rowan co.
 Grace Chapel, Pitt co.
 St. Mark's Church, Halifax.
 Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
 Christ's Church, Raleigh.
 St. Michael's Church, Iredell co.
 St. Peter's Church, Lexington, Davidson co.
 White Haven Church, Lincoln co.
 Smyrna Church, Lincoln co.
 St. Andrew's Church, Burke co.
 St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, Granville co.
 St. Peter's Church, Lincoln co.
 St. Thomas' Church, Bath, Beaufort co.
 St. Matthew's Church, Kinston, Lenoir co.
 Zion Church, Beaufort co.
 Trinity Chapel, Beaufort co.
 * St. Peter's Church, Washington, Beaufort co.
 * St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, Rowan co.
 * Union Church, Waynesborough, Wayne co.
 * St. Paul's Chapel, Milton, Caswell co.†

* New congregations.

† Trinity Church, Tarborough, no longer exists as a regular congregation.

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Notice is hereby given, that the next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of North-Carolina, will be held in Washington, Beaufort county, on Thursday, April 21st, 1825.

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